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Church News

FEBRUARY COLLECTIONS.

The Month of February is set apart, in the General Assembly's schedule, for collections for Local Home Missions. Remittances are to be made to the Presbyterian or Synodical Treasurer, as provided for in each case.

WARNING! CORRECTION!

By oversight on my part, Volume 1 of our Westminster Standard Teacher Training Course has some typographical errors which will produce confusion. Those who are using this book will please make the following corrections:

On page 42 in the insert "Preparation B. C. 5—A. D. 30" write instead of 30, 27.

On page 44 in the insert "Year of Obscurity" instead of A. D. 31, write 27-28.

A. L. Phillips.

AFRICA.

Prosecution: In the papers is a statement that the King of Belgium has instituted legal proceedings against our missionary on the Congo river, Rev. William H. Sheppard, for calumnious denunciation. Doubtless this grows out of the publications made by him and by all the other missionaries on the Congo river touching the cruelties practiced on the natives by representatives or officers of the king. The institution of these charges will give the opportunity of proving the truth or falsity of the reports.

ALABAMA.

Broad Street, Mobile: Sixteen members have been received into the Broad Street church, Rev. Dr. W. T. McElroy, pastor, since the fall communion.

Uniontown: The Uniontown people will treat themselves to a handsome new church building soon. Nearly eight thousand dollars have been raised already, and additional funds will be provided. Messrs. F. M. Goff and K. G. Hoover have been elected deacons.

East Alabama Presbytery: The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of East Alabama Presbytery to be held in the Pres-

byterian Church of Troy, Ala., on Tuesday, March 9, 1909, 12 noon, to transact the following business: (1) To receive the resignation of Rev. J. M. W. Elder as pastor of the Troy and Providence churches; (2) to act upon this resignation; (3) To dismiss the Rev. J. M. W. Elder to another Presbytery if the way be clear.

D. J. Blackwell, Moderator.

The Gainesville group of churches are anxious to secure a pastor. The salary is \$825, with a two-story manse within seventy-five yards of the church. For further information address Mr. Logan Waller, Gainesville, Ala.

ARKANSAS.

Hope: We have just had a most delightful visit from Dr. A. O. Browne, the great Sunday school man, assisted by Rev. H. M. McLain, of Prescott. This is Dr. Browne's third visit to our church, and it was the best of all, his sermons and addresses were impressive and convincing. He also possesses the evangelistic spirit, making earnest appeals to the unconverted, having them to arise for prayer. We believe he has infused new life and new ideas into our Sunday school. It is hoped our committee at Richmond, Va., will retain him in this work for many years to come.

Presbytery of Arkansas: I hereby call a special meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas to convene in the Central Presbyterian church, Little Rock, Ark., on February 23, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. 1. To consider and act upon a call from Lubbock Street church, Houston, Texas, for the pastoral services of Rev. W. R. Hudson, Ph. D. 2. To consider a memorial from the session of the First Presbyterian church, Little Rock, touching the character, work, etc., of Rev. W. M. Morrison, D. D., of Luebo, Africa, in view of certain charges against him by the Belgian government.

J. Walter Cobb, Moderator.

DISTRICT COLUMBIA.

Washington: From the monthly paper of the Second church, Rev. H. W. Pratt, pastor, we learn: "The Lord has added to the membership of the church in five years 134 souls, ninety-eight by letter and thirty-six on profession of faith. On February 1, 1904, there were forty-seven members. Since then thirty-nine have been dismissed to other churches and four have died, so that the present membership is 138." In these five years, \$18,100 has been received and disbursed, of which \$2,661 has been for missions and benevolence elsewhere.

FLORIDA.

Pensacola: Rev. Wm. M. Anderson, D. D., pastor of the First Church, Nashville, Tenn., who has been assisting Rev. J. S. Sibley, closed a most successful series of services in this church the night of February 7. Great good was accomplished. A number of new members were received and over one hundred Christians re-consecrated themselves. God has done great things for us whereof we are glad. A hearty welcome awaits

Dr. Anderson whenever he shall return to Pensacola.

Bartow: Rev. G. F. Robertson and his singer, Mr. Allen, closed their meeting Sunday night, February 7, and have gone to Braidentown. The attendance was good and much interest aroused which continued to the end. Sunday morning Mr. L. L. Pike was ordained and installed as deacon. This gives the church three elders and three deacons.

Sunday School Conference: Dr. A. L. Phillips, of Richmond, Va., spent Saturday and Sunday, January 30 and 31 in conference with the First Church, Jacksonville. At the Sunday morning service, conducted by Dr. Phillips, a score or more of our young people came out on the Lord's side. In the afternoon a conference was held with the Covenanters and in the evening with the Brotherhood.

The East Jacksonville Church of which Rev. Paul F. Brown is pastor, has been for twenty-five years doing a splendid work in that section of the city. During the past two years three other denominations have established new churches in that neighborhood without impairing the attendance of this church. Mr. Brown is beloved by the whole community, regardless of sect. To his faithful, untiring work is largely due the development of this church from a non-supporting into a self-supporting, aid-giving life.

Missions at Jacksonville: Some months ago a mission Sunday school was organized in the Springfield section of this city. A lot has been purchased and a neat chapel erected. The attendance has exceeded one hundred. Regular prayer meeting services are held every Friday night. A petition will soon be presented to presbytery asking for the organization of a church. Riverside is another section in which a Sunday school has been organized. The interest is increasing and the attendance growing. These missions are under the care of the First Church and her officers and members give of their time and means to this good work.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta, Central Church: A unanimous call has been extended to Rev. Dunbar H. Ogden, pastor of the First church, Knoxville, Tenn., by the Central church. Dr. J. W. Bradley, M. D., the representative of the Central church at Suchien, China, is in Atlanta with his family, and occupied the pulpit of this church at both services last Sunday.

Westminster Church: During the past week the Westminster people have been devoting their time, energy and thoughts to the needs of the Presbyterian Hospital. Friday was Westminster day at the restaurant, conducted under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary. The ladies were more than pleased at the success which attended their strenuous efforts on that day. The large crowd and ample profits were most gratifying. Last Sabbath Mr. McKinney, chairman of the reorganization committee of the hospital, took up a few moments of the morning